

Exhibit A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of Virginia

Elizabeth Sines et al.

Plaintiff

v.

Kessler et al.

Defendant

Civil Action No. 3:17-cv-00072-NKM

SUBPOENA TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS, INFORMATION, OR OBJECTS
OR TO PERMIT INSPECTION OF PREMISES IN A CIVIL ACTION

eNom Inc.

To: 5808 Lake Washington Blvd. NE, Suite 201 Kirkland, WA 98033, USA
legal@enom.com

(Name of person to whom this subpoena is directed)

☒ **Production:** **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to produce at the time, date, and place set forth below the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and to permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material:

Place: mpeinovich@gmail.com

or

PO Box 1069 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Date and Time:

June 9th, 2018

☐ **Inspection of Premises:** **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to permit entry onto the designated premises, land, or other property possessed or controlled by you at the time, date, and location set forth below, so that the requesting party may inspect, measure, survey, photograph, test, or sample the property or any designated object or operation on it.

Place:

Date and Time:

The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

Date: 5/10/2018

JULIA C. DUDLEY, CLERK OF COURT

s/ Heidi Wheeler
Deputy Clerk

OR

Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party) _____, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things or the inspection of premises before trial, a notice and a copy of the subpoena must be served on each party in this case before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)**(c) Place of Compliance.**

(1) For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition. A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person
 - (i) is a party or a party's officer; or
 - (ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

(2) For Other Discovery. A subpoena may command:

- (A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and
- (B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions. A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees—on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.

(A) *Appearance Not Required.* A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) *Objections.* A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.
- (ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.

(A) *When Required.* On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

- (i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;
- (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or
- (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) *When Permitted.* To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

- (i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) *Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.* In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
- (ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information. These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) *Documents.* A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) *Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.* If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) *Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.* The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) *Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.* The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) Claiming Privilege or Protection.

(A) *Information Withheld.* A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

- (i) expressly make the claim; and
- (ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) *Information Produced.* If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(g) Contempt.

The court for the district where compliance is required—and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court—may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena or an order related to it.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
CHARLOTTESVILLE DIVISION**

ELIZABETH SINES, ET AL.,

Case No. 3:17-cv-00072-NKM

Plaintiffs,

Hon. Norman K. Moon

v.

JASON KESSLER, ET AL.,

Defendants.

**DEFENDANT MICHAEL PEINOVICH'S
SUBPOENA FOR DOCUMENTS TO eNOM, INC.**

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45, to produce the documents and things designated herein for inspection by electronic means to the email address mpeinovich@gmail.com or by methods agreed to via discussions with defendant Michael Peinovich, within 30 days of service, as provided under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. This subpoena for documents, including each individual Request for Documents (collectively, the "Requests"), shall be read and interpreted in accordance with the definitions and instructions identified below.

DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Peinovich incorporates by reference all the instructions, definitions, and rules contained in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for purposes of this Subpoena, the following instructions and definitions shall apply:

1. The singular of each word shall be construed to include its plural and vice-versa, and the root word and all derivations (e.g., “ing,” “ed”) shall be construed to include each other. The words “and” as well as “or” shall be construed both conjunctively and disjunctively.
2. The present tense shall be construed to include the past tense and vice-versa. Where it is necessary to bring within the scope of these Requests information that might otherwise be construed to be outside their scope, the use of a verb in any tense shall be recognized as the use of that verb in all other tenses.
3. “And” and “or” shall both be construed as “and / or.”
4. The word “any” shall be construed to include “all” and vice-versa.
5. The term “concerning” means “relating to,” “referring to,” “describing,” “evidencing,” or “constituting.”
6. The terms “communication” and “communications” are defined to include any document, snail mail, email, phone call, text message, Facebook message, Facebook post, tweet on Twitter, direct message on Twitter, chat or message on any social media platform, and any other means used to convey information from one person to any other person or persons in any form.
7. The terms “document” and “documents” are defined to be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of the term “documents” in Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a)(1)(A). The terms “document” and “documents” are defined to include all writings of every kind and all electronically stored information (“ESI”), including but not limited to videos, photographs, sound recordings, images, charts, maps, records, memoranda, correspondence, handwritten or typewritten notes, calendars, diaries, telephone messages, data or data compilations, emails, attachments to emails, instant messages, PowerPoint presentations, spreadsheets, all other

writings in hard copy or in electronic form, and all other material stored on computers, computer discs, CDs, DVDs, Blackberry or smartphone devices, tablets, personal digital assistants, USB “thumb” drives, electronic calendars, and telephone systems.

8. The terms “electronically stored information” and “ESI” are defined to be synonymous in meaning and equal in scope to the usage of “electronically stored information” in Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a)(1)(A). “ESI” includes data on all servers, including IP addresses, MAC addresses, active data, archived data, deleted data, and legacy data, as well as data on removable electronic media and in any other location where documents relevant to the Requests may be found.

9. When the term “identify” is used in this Subpoena, please supply the following information as context requires: i. when used in reference to a natural person, state the person’s full name, present or last known business and residential addresses, present or last known telephone numbers or other contact information; ii. when used in reference to any person who is not a natural person or to any association of persons including membership organizations, state the full name, present or last known address, and present or last known telephone number or other contact information; iii. when used in reference to an object, state the nature, type, and location of the object and identify the person (natural or non-natural) who has custody or control over the object.

10. The terms “you” and “your” include the person(s) to whom these Requests are addressed, and all of that person’s agents, representatives, and attorneys.

11. The term “including” shall be construed as “including, but not limited to.”

12. You should construe negative terms to include the positive, and vice-versa. For example, you should construe the word “preference” to mean “preference or lack of preference.”

13. In producing documents, you are requested to produce the original of each document requested together with all non-identical copies and drafts of that document. If the original of any document cannot be located, a copy shall be provided in lieu thereof, and shall be legible and bound or stapled in the same manner as the original. In any circumstance in which an agreement is reached to allow the production of copies of documents rather than originals, you shall retain all of the original documents for inspection or copying throughout the pendency of this case, any appeal(s), and any related proceedings.

14. Any alteration of a responsive document, including any marginal notes, handwritten notes, underlining, date stamps, received stamps, endorsed or filed stamps, drafts, revisions, modifications, and other versions of a document, is a responsive document in its own right and must be produced.

15. Any reference to a person that is a business entity and is not otherwise defined includes that person's predecessors (including any pre-existing person that at any time became part of that entity after merger or acquisition), successors, parents, divisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, franchisors and franchisees; each other person, directly or indirectly owned or controlled by any of them; each partnership or joint venture to which any of them is a party; all present and former directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants, controlling shareholders (and any entity owned by any such controlling shareholder), and attorneys of any of them; and any other person acting for or on behalf of any of them.

16. Unless words or terms have been given a specific definition herein, each word or term used herein shall be given its usual and customary dictionary definition, except where such words have a usual custom and usage definition in your trade or industry, in which case they shall be

interpreted in accordance with such usual custom and usage definition of which you are aware.

17. Pursuant to Rule 34(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, documents shall be produced either (a) as they are kept in the usual course of business (in which case they shall be produced in such fashion as to identify the department, branch or office in whose possession it was located and, where applicable, the natural person in whose possession it was found or the server or central file in which it was found, and the address of each document's custodian(s)), or (b) segregated as responsive to a specific Request enumerated in these Requests, with such specific Request identified.

18. If identical copies of a document are in the possession, custody or control of more than one natural person or other document custodian, a copy of that document shall be produced from each such natural person or other document custodian.

19. In instances where two or more exact duplicates of any document exist, the most legible copy shall be produced.

20. If you file a timely objection to any portion of a Request, definition, or instruction, provide a response to the remaining portion.

21. If you are unable to produce a document that is responsive to a Request, so state and indicate whether the document ever existed or whether the document once existed but cannot be located. If any responsive document once was, but is no longer, in your possession, custody or control, state the whereabouts of such document when last in your possession, custody or control, state the date and manner of its disposition and identify its last known custodian. To the extent that any responsive document was lost or destroyed, produce any document that supports

your assertion that the document was lost or destroyed, and provide the date when each such document was lost or destroyed.

22. These Requests are continuing and require supplemental responses in accordance with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(e).

23. The terms defined above and used in each of the Requests should be construed broadly to the fullest extent of their meaning in a good-faith effort to comply with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED

Document Request No. 1: Communications, documents, and ESI sufficient to identify the persons, including entities, that have presently registered or ever in the past registered the domains itsgoingdown.org and crimethinc.com.

Dated: 5/10/2018

Respectfully requested,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Peinovich', written in a cursive style.

Michael Peinovich

Notice will be provided to parties in this case in accordance with F.R.C.P. 45.

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Michael Peinovich